

# Cost of plant hookups estimated at \$116,000

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## Duxbury

DUXBURY — Connecting three town-owned buildings to the wastewater treatment plant behind the junior-senior high school would cost an estimated \$116,000, selectmen were told last night.

The three are the upper Alden building, which is slated to be converted into a new public library, the current library building, which may become a community center, and the Percy Walker Pool.

State environmental officials have told the town to connect the three buildings to the treatment plant or face sanctions. The three are served by separate septic systems now.

Dufresne-Henry Inc., a Westwood-based engineering consulting firm, estimated that the hookups would cost \$105,445, Public Works Director Walter Tonaszuck said.

The company also advised the town to budget 10 percent, or \$10,555, for contingencies and \$6,000 for a resident engineer.

Tonaszuck said he would serve as the engineer at no additional cost to the town, so voters at the Oct. 15 special town meeting will be asked to authorize borrowing \$116,000 for the hookups.

"We could do each of them separately, but I recommend doing them all at once to save money," Tonaszuck said.

The upper Alden tie-in would cost \$50,075, while the pool-library tie-in would cost \$55,370.

"That's a very reasonable cost," Selectman Margaret Kearney said.

The article that proposes borrowing for the hookups will be one of two on the special town meeting warrant.

The other will call for borrowing \$1.7 million to renovate the lower Alden building so it can again be used as an elementary school.

Because they propose borrowing, both articles will need two-thirds majorities to be approved.

The junior-senior high school, the Duxbury Elementary School and the lower Alden building are already connected to the wastewater treatment plant, Tonaszuck said.

If town meeting approves the borrowing, the hookup work can be done this fall, he said.

"We've got the plans sitting on a shelf, and it will take about three weeks of work," he said.